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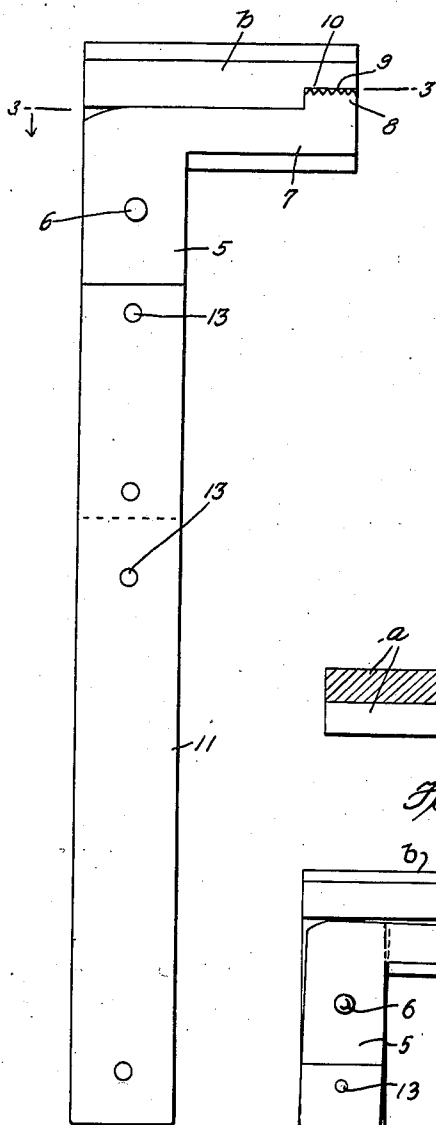


Fig. 1.

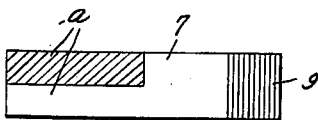


Fig. 3.

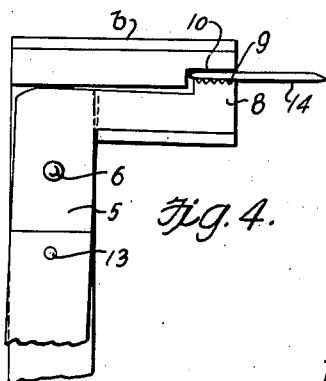


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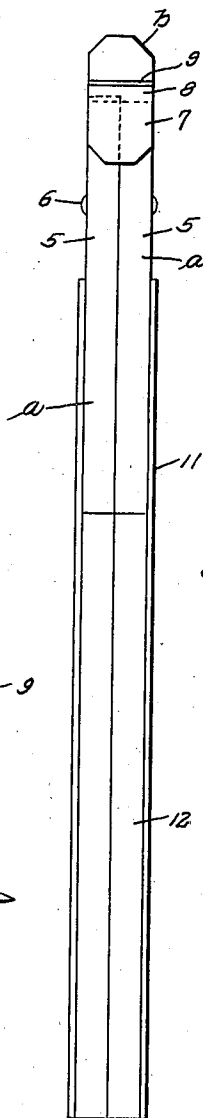


Fig. 2.

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1 Claim. (Cl. 1—50)

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in driving devices, and more particularly to a device for holding and driving staples.

The principal object of the present invention is to simplify the placing of fence wire by the provision of the staple holding hammer which in use will permit holding and driving of staples without necessitating the holding of such staples.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent to the reader of the following description.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 represents a side elevational view of the driver.

Figure 2 is an edge elevational view.

Figure 3 is a section on line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary view in side elevation illustrating the manner in which the jaws grip a staple.

Referring to the drawing wherein like numerals designate like parts, it can be seen that numerals 5, 5 denote a pair of L-shaped members of preferably heavy metal pivotally secured together, as at 6. One of the members 5 has its head portion 7 provided with a slight upward rise 8 at the free end thereof where it is provided with a roughened or corrugated surface 9 for more firmly holding a staple against the corresponding surface 10 of the jaw portion *b* of the other L-shaped member 5. Elongated straps 11 overlap the shank portions *a* and also over wooden handle portions 12 and rivets 13 serve to secure the straps 11 to the shanks *a* and the handles 12 to firmly connect these parts together.

It can now be seen that by swinging the handles 12, 12 apart, the jaws of the tool will be opened and a staple 14 can be inserted between said jaws, and by bringing the handles back together the staple will be firmly gripped between said jaws, as shown in Figure 4 and can be started into a post, or the like, by plunging the same into the post with a hammer-like stroke of the driver. When the staple has been started, the jaws can be opened, the staple thus released and the head of the tool used as a hammer to drive the staple home.

While the foregoing specification sets forth the invention in specific terms, it is to be understood that numerous changes in the shape, size and materials may be resorted to without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed hereinafter.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

A tool of the character described comprising a head portion made up of a pair of L-shaped members, each L-shaped member comprising a jaw portion and a laterally disposed shank portion, said L-shaped members being of heavy material and being pivotally secured together so that one jaw member will act against the other, and handles of lighter material secured to the shanks, one of the jaws having a cut-away portion, the other jaw having a laterally disposed portion formed with corrugations for holding a staple, or other element, firmly against the cut-away portion.

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